

## IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim ~~4~~7 wherein a plurality of refinement bits are accessed and non-refinement bits are ignored.
3. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim ~~4~~7 wherein the group of coefficients comprises a code-block.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The method defined in Claim ~~4~~7 wherein a first data structure is created for refinement bits and a second data structure is created for cleanup bits during the significance propagation pass.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) ~~The method defined in Claim 6~~A method comprising:  
performing a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;  
creating a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass, that  
indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in  
subsequent passes; and

performing a refinement sub-bitplane pass by

accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be skipped for refinement sub-bitplane pass processing,

accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only access coefficients identified as being in the refinement pass, and

coding refinement bits accessed from the memory,

wherein the data structure comprises describes locations of coefficients in a refinement sub-bitplane pass for the group of coefficients,

wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of refinement bits and the number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of refinement bits,  
and

wherein at least one of the indication of each run of refinement bits and the number of coefficients to skip is represented with a variable length code as follows:

count	codeword
1	000
2	001
3	010
4	011
5	100000000000
6	100000000001
...	...
4096	111111111011

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The method defined in Claim 6A~~ method comprising:

performing a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;

creating a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass, that indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in subsequent passes; and

performing a refinement sub-bitplane pass by

accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be skipped for refinement sub-bitplane pass processing,

accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only access coefficients identified as being in the refinement pass, and

coding refinement bits accessed from the memory,

wherein the data structure comprises describes locations of coefficients in a refinement sub-bitplane pass for the group of coefficients,

wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of refinement bits and the number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of refinement bits,  
and

wherein at least one of the indication of each run of refinement bits and the number of coefficients to skip is represented with a variable length code as follows:

count	codeword
1	0
2	01
3	1100
4	1101_0
5	1101_1
6	1110_0000
7	1110_0001
...	...
21	1110_1111
22	1111_0000_0000_0000
23	1111_0000_0000_0001
...	...
4096	1111_1111_1110_1010

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The method defined in Claim 6A~~ method comprising:  
performing a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;

creating a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass, that indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in subsequent passes; and

performing a refinement sub-bitplane pass by

accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be skipped for refinement sub-bitplane pass processing,

accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only access coefficients identified as being in the refinement pass, and

coding refinement bits accessed from the memory,

wherein the data structure comprises describes locations of coefficients in a refinement sub-bitplane pass for the group of coefficients,

wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of refinement bits and the number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of refinement bits,  
and

wherein at least one of the indication of each run of refinement bits and the number of coefficients to skip is represented with a gamma code as follows:

count	codeword ( $\gamma^1$ format)	codeword ( $\gamma$ format)
1	0	0
2	10_0	100
3	10_1	110
4	110_00	10100
5	110_01	10110
6	110_10	11100
7	110_11	11110
8	1110_000	1010100
9	1110_001	1010110
...	...	...
15	1110_111	1111110
16	11110_0000	101010100
32	111110_00000	10101010100
64	1111110_000000	1010101010100
128	11111110_0000000	101010101010100
256	111111110_00000000	10101010101010100
512	1111111110_000000000	1010101010101010100
1024	11111111110_000000000	101010101010101010100
2048	111111111110_0000000000	10101010101010101010100
4096	1111111111110_00000000000	1010101010101010101010100

10. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim 6-7 wherein the indication of each run of refinement bits is stored as an integer.

11. (Original) The method defined in Claim 10 wherein the integer comprises a minimal size integer.

12. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim 6-7 wherein the indication of a number of coefficients to skip is stored as an integer.

13. (Previously Amended) The method defined in Claim 12 wherein the integer comprises a minimal size integer.

14. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim ~~6-7~~ wherein the indication of each of run of refinement bits and the number of coefficients to skip are stored as integers.

15. (Original) The method defined in Claim 14 wherein the integers comprise minimal size integers.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus defined in Claim ~~16-22~~ wherein a plurality of refinement bits are accessed and non-refinement bits are ignored.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus defined in Claim ~~16-22~~ wherein the group of coefficients comprises a code-block.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus defined in Claim ~~19-22~~ wherein a first data structure is created for refinement bits and a second data structure is created for cleanup bits during the significance propagation pass.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus defined in Claim 21~~ An apparatus comprising:

means for performing a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;

means for creating a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass,  
that indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in  
subsequent passes; and

means for performing a refinement sub-bitplane pass by  
accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be  
skipped for refinement sub-bitplane pass processing,  
accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only  
access coefficients identified as being in the refinement pass, and  
coding refinement bits accessed from the memory,  
wherein the data structure describes locations of coefficients in a refinement sub-bitplane  
pass for the group of coefficients,

wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of refinement bits and the  
number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of refinement bits,  
and

wherein at least one of the indication of each run of refinement bits and the number of  
coefficients to skip is represented with a variable length code as follows:

count	codeword
1	000
2	001
3	010
4	011
5	100000000000
6	100000000001
...	...
4096	111111111011

23. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus defined in Claim 21~~ An apparatus  
comprising:

- means for performing a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;
- means for creating a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass,  
that indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in  
subsequent passes; and
- means for performing a refinement sub-bitplane pass by
  - accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be  
skipped for refinement sub-bitplane pass processing,
  - accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only  
access coefficients identified as being in the refinement pass, and
  - coding refinement bits accessed from the memory,
- wherein the data structure describes locations of coefficients in a refinement sub-bitplane  
pass for the group of coefficients,
- wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of refinement bits and the  
number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of refinement bits,  
and
- wherein at least one of the indication of each run of refinement bits and the number of  
coefficients to skip is represented with a variable length code as follows:



count	codeword
1	0
2	01
3	1100
4	1101_0
5	1101_1
6	1110_0000
7	1110_0001
...	...
21	1110_1111
22	1111_0000_0000_0000
23	1111_0000_0000_0001
...	...
4096	1111_1111_1110_1010

24. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus defined in Claim 21~~ An apparatus comprising:

means for performing a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;

means for creating a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass,

that indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in

subsequent passes; and

means for performing a refinement sub-bitplane pass by

accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be

skipped for refinement sub-bitplane pass processing,

accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only

access coefficients identified as being in the refinement pass, and

coding refinement bits accessed from the memory,

wherein the data structure describes locations of coefficients in a refinement sub-bitplane

pass for the group of coefficients.

wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of refinement bits and the number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of refinement bits, and

wherein at least one of the indication of each run of refinement bits and the number of coefficients to skip is represented with a gamma code as follows:

count	codeword ( $\gamma^1$ format)	codeword ( $\gamma$ format)
1	0	0
2	10_0	100
3	10_1	110
4	110_00	10100
5	110_01	10110
6	110_10	11100
7	110_11	11110
8	1110_000	1010100
9	1110_001	1010110
...	...	...
15	1110_111	1111110
16	11110_0000	101010100
32	111110_00000	10101010100
64	1111110_000000	1010101010100
128	11111110_0000000	101010101010100
256	111111110_00000000	10101010101010100
512	1111111110_000000000	1010101010101010100
1024	11111111110_0000000000	101010101010101010100
2048	111111111110_00000000000	10101010101010101010100
4096	1111111111110_000000000000	1010101010101010101010100

25. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture having one or more recordable media with executable instructions stored thereon which, when executed by a system, cause the system to:

perform a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;

create a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass, that indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in subsequent passes; and

perform a refinement sub-bitplane pass by

accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be skipped for refinement sub-bitplane pass processing,

accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only access coefficients identified as being in the refinement pass, and

coding refinement bits accessed from the memory,

wherein the data structure comprises describes locations of coefficients in a refinement sub-bitplane pass for the group of coefficients,

wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of refinement bits and the number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of refinement bits,

and

wherein at least one of the indication of each run of refinement bits and the number of coefficients to skip is represented with a variable length code as follows:

<u>count</u>	<u>codeword</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>000</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>001</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>010</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>011</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>100000000000</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>100000000001</u>
<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>
<u>4096</u>	<u>111111111011</u>

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim ~~26~~31 wherein a plurality of cleanup bits are accessed and non-cleanup bits are ignored.

28. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim ~~26~~31 wherein the group of coefficients comprises a code-block.

29. - 30 (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) ~~The method defined in Claim 30~~A method comprising:  
performing a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;  
creating a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass, that  
indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in  
subsequent passes; and  
performing a cleanup sub-bitplane pass by  
accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be  
skipped for cleanup sub-bitplane pass processing,  
accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only  
access coefficients identified as being in the cleanup pass, and  
coding cleanup bits accessed from the memory,  
wherein the data structure describes locations of coefficients in a cleanup sub-bitplane  
pass for the group of coefficients,  
wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of cleanup bits and the  
number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of cleanup bits, and  
wherein at least one of the indication of each run of cleanup bits and the number of  
coefficients to skip is represented with a variable length code as follows:

count	codeword
1	000
2	001
3	010
4	011
5	100000000000
6	100000000001
...	...
4096	111111111011

32. (Currently Amended) ~~The method defined in Claim 30A~~ a method comprising:  
performing a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;  
creating a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass, that  
indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in  
subsequent passes; and  
performing a cleanup sub-bitplane pass by  
accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be  
skipped for cleanup sub-bitplane pass processing,  
accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only  
access coefficients identified as being in the cleanup pass, and  
coding cleanup bits accessed from the memory,  
wherein the data structure describes locations of coefficients in a cleanup sub-bitplane  
pass for the group of coefficients,  
wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of cleanup bits and the  
number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of cleanup bits, and  
wherein at least one of the indication of each run of cleanup bits and the number of  
coefficients to skip is represented with a variable length code as follows:

count	codeword
1	0
2	01
3	1100
4	1101_0
5	1101_1
6	1110_0000
7	1110_0001
...	...
21	1110_1111
22	1111_0000_0000_0000
23	1111_0000_0000_0001
...	...
4096	1111_1111_1110_1010

33. (Currently Amended) ~~The method defined in Claim 30A~~ method comprising:  
performing a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;  
creating a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass, that  
indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in  
subsequent passes; and  
performing a cleanup sub-bitplane pass by  
accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be  
skipped for cleanup sub-bitplane pass processing,  
accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only  
access coefficients identified as being in the cleanup pass, and  
coding cleanup bits accessed from the memory,  
wherein the data structure describes locations of coefficients in a cleanup sub-bitplane  
pass for the group of coefficients,  
wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of cleanup bits and the  
number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of cleanup bits, and

wherein at least one of the indication of each run of cleanup bits and the number of coefficients to skip is represented with a gamma code as follows:

Count	codeword ( $\gamma^l$ format)	codeword ( $\gamma$ format)
1	0	0
2	10_0	100
3	10_1	110
4	110_00	10100
5	110_01	10110
6	110_10	11100
7	110_11	11110
8	1110_000	1010100
9	1110_001	1010110
...	...	...
15	1110_111	1111110
16	11110_0000	101010100
32	111110_00000	10101010100
64	1111110_000000	1010101010100
128	11111110_0000000	101010101010100
256	111111110_00000000	10101010101010100
512	1111111110_000000000	1010101010101010100
1024	11111111110_0000000000	101010101010101010100
2048	111111111110_00000000000	10101010101010101010100
4096	1111111111110_000000000000	1010101010101010101010100

34. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim ~~30~~31 wherein the indication of each of run of cleanup bits is represented with a variable length code.

35. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim ~~30~~31 wherein the indication of a number of coefficients to skip is represented with a variable length code.

36. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim ~~30~~31 wherein the indication of each of run of cleanup bits and the number of coefficients to skip are represented with variable length codes.

37. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim ~~30~~31 wherein the indication of each of run of cleanup bits is stored as an integer.

38. (Original) The method defined in Claim 37 wherein the integer comprises a minimal size integer.

39. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim ~~30~~31 wherein the indication of a number of coefficients to skip is stored as an integer.

40. (Previously Amended) The method defined in Claim 39 wherein the integer comprises a minimal size integer.

41. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim ~~30~~31 wherein the indication of each of run of cleanup bits and the number of coefficients to skip are stored as integers.

42. (Previously Amended) The method defined in Claim 41 wherein the integers comprise minimal size integers.

43. (Currently Amended) The method defined in Claim ~~26~~31 wherein creating at least one data structure comprises creating a first data structure to describe locations of coefficients in a refinement sub-bitplane pass for the group of coefficients and a second data structure to describe locations of coefficients in a cleanup sub-bitplane pass for the group of coefficients.



44. (Original) The method defined in Claim 43 wherein the group of coefficients comprises a code-block.

45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) The apparatus defined in Claim ~~45~~50 wherein a plurality of cleanup bits are accessed and non-cleanup bits are ignored.

47. (Currently Amended) The apparatus defined in Claim ~~45~~50 wherein the group of coefficients comprises a code-block.

48. – 49. (Canceled)

50. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus defined in Claim 49~~An apparatus comprising:

means for performing a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;

means for creating a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass,

that indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in

subsequent passes; and

means for performing a cleanup sub-bitplane pass by

accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be

skipped for cleanup sub-bitplane pass processing,

accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only

access coefficients identified as being in the cleanup pass, and

coding cleanup bits accessed from the memory,

wherein the data structure describes locations of coefficients in a cleanup sub-bitplane pass for the group of coefficients,

wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of cleanup bits and the number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of cleanup bits, and

wherein at least one of the indication of each run of cleanup bits and the number of coefficients to skip is represented with a variable length code as follows:

count	codeword
1	000
2	001
3	010
4	011
5	100000000000
6	100000000001
...	...
4096	111111111011

51. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus defined in Claim 49~~ An apparatus comprising:

means for performing a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;

means for creating a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass, that indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in subsequent passes; and

means for performing a cleanup sub-bitplane pass by

accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be skipped for cleanup sub-bitplane pass processing,

accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only access coefficients identified as being in the cleanup pass, and

coding cleanup bits accessed from the memory,

wherein the data structure describes locations of coefficients in a cleanup sub-bitplane  
pass for the group of coefficients,

wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of cleanup bits and the  
number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of cleanup bits, and

wherein at least one of the indication of each run of cleanup bits and the number of  
coefficients to skip is represented with a variable length code as follows:

count	codeword
1	0
2	01
3	1100
4	1101_0
5	1101_1
6	1110_0000
7	1110_0001
...	...
21	1110_1111
22	1111_0000_0000_0000
23	1111_0000_0000_0001
...	...
4096	1111_1111_1110_1010

52. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus defined in Claim 49~~An apparatus  
comprising:

means for performing a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;

means for creating a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass,  
that indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in  
subsequent passes; and

means for performing a cleanup sub-bitplane pass by

accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be  
skipped for cleanup sub-bitplane pass processing,

accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only  
access coefficients identified as being in the cleanup pass, and  
coding cleanup bits accessed from the memory,  
wherein the data structure describes locations of coefficients in a cleanup sub-bitplane  
pass for the group of coefficients,  
wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of cleanup bits and the  
number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of cleanup bits, and  
 wherein at least one of the indication of each run of cleanup bits and the number of  
 coefficients to skip is represented with a gamma code as follows:

count	codeword ( $\gamma^1$ format)	codeword ( $\gamma$ format)
1	0	0
2	10_0	100
3	10_1	110
4	110_00	10100
5	110_01	10110
6	110_10	11100
7	110_11	11110
8	1110_000	1010100
9	1110_001	1010110
...	...	...
15	1110_111	1111110
16	11110_0000	101010100
32	111110_00000	10101010100
64	111110_000000	1010101010100
128	11111110_0000000	101010101010100
256	111111110_00000000	10101010101010100
512	1111111110_000000000	1010101010101010100
1024	11111111110_000000000	101010101010101010100
2048	111111111110_0000000000	10101010101010101010100
4096	1111111111110_00000000000	1010101010101010101010100

53. (Currently Amended) The apparatus defined in Claim 49-50 wherein the  
 indication of each of run of cleanup bits is represented with a variable length code.

54. (Currently Amended) The apparatus defined in Claim ~~49~~50 wherein the indication of a number of coefficients to skip is represented with a variable length code.

55. (Currently Amended) The apparatus defined in Claim ~~49~~50 wherein the indication of each of run of cleanup bits and the number of coefficients to skip are represented with variable length codes.

56. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture having one or more recordable media with executable instructions stored thereon which, when executed by a system, cause the system to:

perform a significance propagation pass on a group of coefficients;

create a data structure, while performing the significance propagation pass, that indicates locations of coefficients in the group of coefficients that are to be processed in subsequent passes; and

perform a cleanup sub-bitplane pass by

accessing the data structure to obtain information to identify coefficients to be skipped for cleanup sub-bitplane pass processing,

accessing a memory storing the group of coefficient using the information to only access coefficients identified as being in the cleanup pass, and

coding cleanup bits accessed from the memory,

wherein the data structure describes locations of coefficients in a cleanup sub-bitplane pass for the group of coefficients,

wherein the data structure includes an indication of each run of cleanup bits and the number of coefficients to skip in the group of coefficients before the next run of cleanup bits, and

wherein at least one of the indication of each run of cleanup bits and the number of coefficients to skip is represented with a variable length code as follows:

<u>count</u>	<u>codeword</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>000</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>001</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>010</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>011</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>100000000000</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>100000000001</u>
<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>
<u>4096</u>	<u>111111111011</u>

57. – 70. (Canceled)

71. (Original) A method for performing a significance propagation pass, the method comprising:

determining whether information being processed is in a significance propagation pass, refinement pass, or cleanup pass in response to significance state information for a region;

asserting signals indicative of whether 4x4 subregions in the region have coefficients in the significance propagation pass, refinement pass or cleanup pass;

coding bits of coefficients in the significance pass while identifying run and skip counts for refinement and cleanup passes; and

processing bits of coefficients identified as being in the refinement and cleanup passes.

72. (Original) The method defined in Claim 71 further comprising starting a new run for either the refinement or cleanup passes when a previous bit is a significance propagation bit and a current state is not significance propagation.

73. (Original) The method defined in Claim 72 further comprising adjusting an index into a table in a data structure storing run and skip count information to a new entry and initializing the new entry to a state indicative of the start of the new run.

74. (Original) The method defined in Claim 73 wherein initializing the new entry comprises setting a skip indication to zero and a run indicator to a value.

75. (Cancelled)

76. (Original) The method defined in Claim 71 further comprising counting a number of significant coefficients in each of the subregions.

77. (Original) The method defined in Claim 71 further comprising processing all bits in each of the subregions as refinement if a count equals the size of said each subregion.

78. (Original) The method defined in Claim 71 further comprising processing all bits in each of the subregions as cleanup if a count equals zero and no neighbors are significant.

79. (Original) An apparatus for performing a significance propagation pass, the apparatus comprising:

means for determining whether information being processed is in a significance propagation pass, refinement pass, or cleanup pass in response to significance state information for a region;

means for asserting signals indicative of whether subregions in the region have coefficients in the significance propagation pass, refinement pass or cleanup pass;

means for coding bits of coefficients in the significance pass while identifying run and skip counts for refinement and cleanup passes; and

means for processing bits of coefficients identified as being in the refinement and cleanup passes.

80. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 79 further comprising means for starting a new run for either the refinement or cleanup passes when a previous bit is a significance propagation bit and a current state is not significance propagation.

81. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 80 further comprising means for adjusting an index into a table in a data structure storing run and skip count information to a new entry and means for initializing the new entry to a state indicative of the start of the new run.

82. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 81 wherein initializing the new entry comprises means for setting a skip indication to zero and a run indicator to a value.

83. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 79 wherein each of the subregions comprises a 4x4 region.

84. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 79 further comprising counting a number of significant coefficients in each of the subregions.



85. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 79 further comprising processing all bits in each of the subregions as refinement if a count equals the size of said each subregion.

86. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 79 further comprising processing all bits in each of the subregions as cleanup if a count equals zero and no neighbors are significant.

87. (Original) An apparatus for performing a significance propagation pass comprising:

- a determine pass unit having an input coupled to receive significance state information for a first region of a first predetermined size and having a first set of output indications indicative of whether a pass associated with each coefficient in a second region of a second predetermined size is in a significance propagation pass, refinement pass, or cleanup pass;

- a processing unit having inputs coupled to the output indications and having a next non-refinement bit output, a next non-cleanup bit output, and a current pass indication output; and

- a control unit coupled to outputs from the processing unit, the control unit, in response thereto, to generate an indication of a next index into a refinement bit data structure, a refinement run indication, a refinement skip indication, and a significant propagation indication.

88. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 87 wherein the processing unit comprises:

- a selection unit coupled to receive the first set of output indications and a count indicative of a current coefficient of the second region being processed, the selection logic having a second set of output indications for the current coefficient, with only one of the second set of output indications being asserted for the current coefficient;

a mask unit coupled to receive refinement and cleanup pass indications from the determine pass unit and the count indication, the mask unit having a pair of outputs representing masked versions of the refinement and cleanup pass indications by masking bits of the refinement and cleanup indications associated with coefficients in the second region that have already been processed; and

a priority encoder having inputs coupled to the masked versions of the refinement and cleanup indications, the priority encoder having a pair of outputs representing a next non-refinement bit position and a next non-cleanup bit position for the significance propagation pass.

89. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 87 wherein the control unit, unit, in response to outputs from the processing unit, generates an indication of a next index into a cleanup bit data structure, a cleanup run indication, and a cleanup skip indication.

90. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 87 wherein a coefficient is processed in the significance propagation pass if the current bit is in the significant propagation pass.

91. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 87 wherein K bits are processed in the refinement pass if the current bit is in the refinement pass, where K equals a run length of refinement bits.

92. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 89 wherein K bits are processed in the cleanup pass if the current bit is in the cleanup pass, where K equals a run length of cleanup bits.

93. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 87 wherein, when the next non-refinement bit is to be processed later in time than the current coefficient, the control logic sets the refinement run indication equal to the run length and sets the refinement skip indication to indicate that no amount of skipping of coefficients in the second region is to be made based on the current coefficient.

94. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 93 wherein the control logic sets the refinement next index indication to indicate an increment is to be made to an index into a data structure storing run and skip counts depicting refinement bit locations in a code-block.

95. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 89 wherein, when the next non-refinement bit is to be processed later in time than the current coefficient, the control logic sets the refinement run indication equal to the run length and sets the refinement skip indication to indicate that no amount of skipping of coefficients in the second region is to be made based on the current coefficient;

and further wherein the control logic sets the refinement next index indication to indicate an increment is to be made to an index into a data structure storing run and skip counts depicting refinement bit locations in a code-block; and

and further wherein the control logic further sets the cleanup run indication to indicate that no current run of cleanup bits is occurring and the cleanup skip indication equal to the next non-refinement bit position minus a number equal to a position of the current coefficient in the second region.

96. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 95 wherein the control logic sets the cleanup next index indication to indicate that no change is to be made to an index into a data structure storing run and skip counts depicting cleanup bit locations in a code-block.

97. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 96 wherein the significance propagation index is set to indicate the current coefficient is not in a significance propagation pass.

98. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 87 wherein a coefficient is processed in the significance propagation pass if the current bit is in the significant propagation pass.

99. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 89 wherein, when the next non-cleanup bit is to be processed later in time than the current coefficient, the control logic sets the cleanup run indication equal to the run size and sets the cleanup skip indication to indicate that no amount of skipping of coefficients in the second region is to be made based on the current coefficient.

100. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 99 wherein, the control logic sets the cleanup next index indication to indicate an increment is to be made to an index into a data structure storing run and skip counts depicting cleanup bit locations in a codeblock.

101. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 100 further sets the cleanup run indication to indicate that no current run of cleanup bits is occurring and the cleanup skip indication equal to the next non-refinement bit position minus a number equal to a position of the current coefficient in the second region.

102. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 101 wherein the control logic sets the cleanup next index indication to indicate that no change is to be made to an index into a data structure storing run and skip counts depicting cleanup bit locations in a code-block.

103. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 102 wherein the significance propagation index is set to indicate the current coefficient is not in a significance propagation pass.

104. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 87 wherein the determine pass unit examines a predetermined number of  $N \times M$  regions, one for each coefficient being processed, where  $N$  and  $M$  are integers.

105. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 104 wherein the  $N \times M$  regions comprise  $3 \times 3$  regions.

106. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 104 wherein the predetermined number of  $N \times M$  regions comprises sixteen.

107. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 89 wherein the first set of output indications comprises the significance propagation pass, refinement pass, and cleanup pass output indications and each of the significance propagation pass, refinement pass, and cleanup pass output indications is 16 bits wide.

108. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 89 wherein each of significance propagation pass, refinement pass, and cleanup pass output indications has one bit corresponding to a coefficient in the second region, and only one of such bit is asserted during each cycle.

109. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 89 wherein the masked unit masks signal lines of each of refinement pass and cleanup pass indications corresponding to coefficients that have already been processed.

110. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 88 wherein the priority encoder comprises a zero-finding priority encoder.

111. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture having one or more recordable media with executable instructions stored thereon which, when executed by a system, cause the system to:

determine whether information being processed is in a significance propagation pass, refinement pass, or cleanup pass in response to significance state information for a region;

assert signals indicative of whether 4x4 subregions in the region have coefficients in the significance propagation pass, refinement pass or cleanup pass;

code bits of coefficients in the significance pass while identifying run and skip counts for refinement and cleanup passes; and

process bits of coefficients identified as being in the refinement and cleanup passes.